

UNIONS, *continued*

advocate for your coworkers instead of letting the boss isolate and exploit each of you as individuals.

General Strike Is Now? It can be. Don't call out sick, call in your coworkers. By establishing an OC and meeting a lot, you will have built the foundation for a union campaign. The only way we can fight racism, white supremacy, and interlocked capital is by leveraging the power we have as a collective as the very checkpoints in the capitalist system we find ourselves in, whether that be a single story with half a dozen employees or the sprawling university. The general strike and resolutions to come will require a sustained workline, so get to work!

I'd like to thank Prairie Workers' Union for their phenomenal June 2024 "Guide To Union" (2024), which is essential reading that can be found on Facebook and Instagram or by reaching out to prairie.workers.unity@protonmail.com. The Iowa PWW is also a great resource for education and assistance in starting a union in the Iowa City area.

—CHANDRA LEAM

FEUDALISM, *continued*

being unable to maintain self-preservation and feeding and protecting their loved ones from the impending jackals of capitalist economic structure. All suffer, but we know these slaves already takes advantage of by those hoarding private property.

These ultimately anti-factual killing by the monopolizing, antagonistic claims of the elite inevitably become their own undoing and downfall so it is an unsustainable model of production. Capitalism at its core is an unavoidably devouring self-consumption hidden behind the immediate results of surplus value (profit). In longevity this model fails to conclude with meaningful reliability.

This concept is presented by Max Heler in his book when he explains:

"Capital is the active force of society and the creator of civilization, but the fruits of its activity are enjoyed not by the capital but by the land-owning nobility... The result of the entire working of capital for the capitalist community is accordingly the reduction of profits, the depopulation of capital, and the increase of wages. This latter, however,

it is of no advantage to the workers, for the food prices are higher and higher, on the contrary, the whole advantage falls to the landed nobility, who do nothing for the betterment of civilization, but take, through ground rents and protective tariffs, receive everything."

In contrast, abolition of personal property through revolution and mutual aid would facilitate the harmonious utopian relations otherwise intended to be professed and procured through the abstract and overly idealized public assistance program. Marx exemplifies this by his criticism in his Manifesto:

"Communists have been reproached with the desire of abolishing the right of personally acquiring property as the fruit of a man's own labor, which property is alleged to be the grand basis of all personal freedom, activity, and independence. Hardly! self-acquired, self-earned property! There is no need to abolish that..."

What is being proclaimed here is that societal economic struggle is not an independent matter, rather, it is a national issue that requires compassion and compromise from all to ensure the needs and health of the nation. We cannot

ignore that oppressing others leads to the destruction of a nation itself. We are once again given this gem of philosophical wisdom from Marx's Manifesto when he further articulates:

"Though not in substance, yet in form, the struggle of the proletarian with the bourgeoisie is first a national struggle... Hence, every form of society has been based, as we have already seen it, on the antagonism of opposing and opposing."

Therefore, as we have historically been witness to, class warfare between the oppressed and the oppressor has always given rise to revolution. These vulnerable to such harms and forced into exploitation find themselves whetted toward making change for themselves and those similarly situated. Oftentimes there is no other choice than to take action for those seen as the minority, however, in this instance it is the majority who revolt for necessary change! Marx similarly witnessed this when he knowledgeably proclaimed:

"All previous historical movements were movements of minorities, or in the interest of minorities. The proletarian movement is the self-conscious, independent movement of the immense majority, in

the interest of the immense majority."

We are likewise reminded of this notion of private property and conflicts between the classes by Max Heler when he demonstrates the precarious relations between the owners and the owned by writing:

"In primitive societies, where private property is yet unknown, or still undeveloped, there were class distinctions, no class domination, and no class antagonisms... But as soon as the old order is disturbed, and private property develops, in consequence of trade with other peoples at through wars, there arise classes of those who possess and those who do not. The possessing class carries on the Government, makes laws, and issues instructions, which chiefly serve the end of protecting the interests of the possessing and ruling classes. The intellectual structure of the class society likewise corresponds to the interests of these two parties and rule.

So long as these interests promote the common good in some measure, in long as the old forms of production and the old conditions of production are largely in harmony with each other, a certain order prevails between the classes. But should there set in the three mentioned oppo-

sition between the productive forces and the conditions of production, the latter will cease to satisfy the oppressed classes, and class conflicts will arise, which with either result in legal compromise (feudalism) or will end in the overthrow of the society concerned, so will lead to a new set of conditions."

As the spring season of new beginnings and rebirth blossoms, you are encouraged to flourish in all efforts to erode the antiquity of our current capitalist institutions and support for a more thorough unity in the freedoms of social justice and liberation from feudal oppression. We need not be subservient to a master that wishes to harm themselves due to a lack of compassion and desire for unified utopian health, wealth, and wellness. Forget not the Communist Maxim: "From each according to his capacity, to each according to his needs."

—MICHAEL MARI



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Poetry

HELP!

BY BOBBY MOSKOW (MARI)

They say death is only the beginning
Yet I wish for it, hoping for and anzing
There's this feeling I can't describe
I can't get rid of it, run away or hide
The life I've seen, been through, and faces
Makes me see the world, as a fucked up place
There's a hole inside of me I cannot fill
So I seek this powder, through this hundred-dollar bill
Sometimes I feel death is my only way out
But when I try, I just can't get it to come about
I'm tired of the pain, and hurt in my fucked up life
So I sit up at night, and play with my knife
My demons are way too many to fuck with
But what can I do my life's so fucked up it's a bitch
I can't decide what to do, whether I want to live or die
So I lay the knife down and begin to cry
Someone help me, I'm one sick pup
I can't believe my life is so fucked up
This is my cry for help, I guess you can say
So someone please help me, so I can live another day...



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Iowa's Income Tax Regression, 2022 - 2025

Iowa Income Tax Brackets *		Iowa Income Tax Rates			
Lower Limit	Upper Limit	TY 2022**	TY 2023	TY 2024	TY 2025
All Retirement Income		0.33% - 8.53%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
\$0	\$6,000	0.33% - 2.25%	4.40%	4.40%	3.80%
\$6,001	\$30,000	2.25% - 5.96%	4.82%	4.82%	3.80%
\$30,001	\$75,000	5.96% - 7.44%	5.70%	5.70%	3.80%
\$75,001	And over	7.44% - 8.53%	0.00%	5.70%	3.80%

*Brackets double for Married Filing Jointly. Brackets to be adjusted for inflation annually.

**TY 2022 had 8 progressive brackets. The above includes a range to simplify the table.

Winners in TY 2024 Iowa Income Tax Changes

Winning Iowans	2022 Rates	2024 Rates	Winnings from Tax Decreases
Work Income \$80,000	\$4,551	\$4,261	\$290
Retirement Income \$20,000	\$387	\$0	\$387
Work Income \$100,000	\$6,250	\$5,401	\$849
Retirement Income \$40,000	\$1,514	\$0	\$1,514
Retirement Income \$60,000	\$2,791	\$0	\$2,791
Retirement Income \$80,000	\$4,289	\$0	\$4,289
Retirement Income \$100,000	\$5,927	\$0	\$5,927
Work Income \$1,000,000	\$83,020	\$56,701	\$26,319
Retirement Income \$1,000,000	\$82,697	\$0	\$82,697

Estimates based on calculator at <https://tinyurl.com/iowa-income-tax-changes>

Losers in TY 2024 Iowa Income Tax Changes

Losing Iowans	2022 Rates	2024 Rates	Losses from Tax Increase
Work Income \$20,000	\$575	\$938	-\$363
Work Income \$40,000	\$1,748	\$1,981	-\$233
Work Income \$60,000	\$3,063	\$3,121	-\$58

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It's tax season, and if you haven't been paying attention to Iowa's tax rate changes, you should be. Since 2022, some for lower-income workers have gone up, while rates for higher-income workers have gone down. For the 2024 tax year, workers making under \$60,000 will face losses, while those making over that amount stand to gain.

Though the 2025 switch to a single 3.80% individual income tax rate might sound good at first, on paper it's clear any marginal improvement for low-income earners will be overshadowed by significant benefits to high-income earners.

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